

Senate Resolution 861

By: Senator Butler of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Grover M. Barfield; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Grover M. Barfield is the Coroner in Macon County, Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, in 2006, he was CFR Coroner of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, he is an active member of many organizations in his community as chairman
5 of the Macon County Child Abuse Protocol Committee, a member and past chairman of
6 Macon County CFR team, and a 27 year veteran of law enforcement with 24 years of death
7 investigation experience; and

8 WHEREAS, as an active community servant, he has organized a public seminar and program
9 for battered women, a community program on domestic violence; he has spoken to
10 community members about sudden infant death syndrome; he is trained as a volunteer
11 instructor for child safety seats; he has delivered a program to the Retired Teachers
12 Association of Macon County; and he has participated in a Bible study group, speaking on
13 the duties of a coroner; and

14 WHEREAS, as a result of his community service, parents have reported they are following
15 his guidance on the prevention of sudden infant death syndrome; more women have reported
16 domestic violence to the local sheriff's department, local churches are becoming involved
17 in beginning support groups, and family members are reporting suspected domestic violence;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Barfield has been very creative in joining forces with organizations such
20 as Family Connections, using public festivals as a tool to draw public interest and get
21 information to the citizens in Macon County, using local newspapers to spread the word, and
22 maintaining exceptional rapport with medical personnel and law enforcement; and

1 WHEREAS, on many occasions, Mr. Barfield has gone above and beyond the call of duty
2 as Coroner, visiting families who have lost loved ones, and he has even been known to spend
3 his own money to make certain the surviving family members have all the information
4 available concerning their lost loved ones.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 recognize the exemplary service provided by Mr. Grover M. Barfield and commend him on
7 his service to his community and this state.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Grover M. Barfield.